



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 11, 2014

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from April 04, 2014 – April 10, 2014. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at glose@viennava.gov)

INCIDENTS

Fraud 13-03940

1000 Block Aponi Drive, NE

Between March 30 at 12:00 p.m. and April 06 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported he received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be employed with a company called “Bill Me Later”. The caller stated the resident owed for a purchase he had made on the internet. The caller attempted to obtain the Social Security Number and the birth date of the resident which the resident refused to provide.

This case is being investigated.

Found Property 14-03935

500 Block Church Street, NE

April 02 3:00 p.m.

A citizen responded to the Vienna Police Station to turn in a men’s ring she found in the parking lot.

The ring will be held until the owner can be identified.

Animal Complaint 14-03811

500 Block Valley Drive, SE

April 04 8:43 a.m.

A resident reported her dog was able to get past her and run out of the house and may have bitten a neighbor.

MPO Sheeran responded and spoke with the neighbor who advised the dog bit her but it had not broken the skin although she did suffer some bruising.

The dog owner expressed her interest in surrendering the dog as she felt she was no longer able to control it.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

Solicitor 14-03814

200 Block McHenry Street, SE

April 04 9:42 a.m.

A resident reported that over the past few weeks, solicitors from "Johnson Tree Service" had been at her residence and had aggressively been soliciting for tree services.

The resident stated the men did not leave any contact information and left the area prior to the arrival of the police.

Please Note– *When approached by workers who are soliciting repairs or landscape work at your residence verify that the work is needed, request a written contract and proof that the company possess a valid Town of Vienna solicitors permit.*

In most cases the unsolicited workers are not reputable and will attempt to scam residents using intimidation.

Vandalism 14-03828

Frederick Street at Tapawingo Road, SW

April 04 1:00 p.m.

Officer Kiley responded to the area of the Water Tower for the report of graffiti that was spray painted on a fence.

Found Property 14-03831

Northwest Federal Credit Union

231 Maple Avenue, East

April 04 1:57 p.m.

A citizen responded to the Vienna Police Station to turn in a wallet she found lying on the ground outside the Northwest Federal Credit Union.

Officer Holcombe placed the wallet into property to be held until the owner can be identified.

Suspicious Event 14-03844
500 Block Beulah Road, NE
April 04 4:43 p.m.

A resident reported she received a telephone call from an individual who stated he would send her \$550.00. The caller informed the resident she could keep \$220.00 if she would send the remainder back in the form of a Green Dot Card.

MPO Sheeran informed the resident the telephone call had been a scam.

Arrest – Drinking in Public 14-03852
900 Block Maple Avenue, East
April 04 9:42 p.m.

Officer Tracy was on patrol when he observed an individual drinking a beer while he was walking on the sidewalk.

Officer Tracy approached the individual, Mr. Charles Maurice Harris, 48, No Fixed Address and issued him a summons for Drinking in Public.

Mr. Harris was released after signing the summons.

Vandalism 14-03857
Wooden Bakery
303 Mill Street, NE
Between April 04 at 11:30 p.m. and April 05 at 2:30 a.m.

A citizen reported that someone vandalized her vehicle by scratching both sides and slashing the tires.

This case is being investigated.

Driving While Intoxicated 13-03856
Old Courthouse Road at Fairway Drive, NE
April 04 11:50 p.m.

Officer Tracy was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic offense. As a result of the traffic offense he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of impairment and the odor of marijuana.

After locating a measurable amount of marijuana and failing to complete several field sobriety tests Officer Tracy transported the driver, a juvenile, to the Vienna Police Station where she was given the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. After the analysis she was released to the care of her mother.

This case is being investigated.

Suspicious Event 14-03869
800 Block Cottage Street, SW
April 05 12:49 p.m.

A resident reported she had seen a man enter a residence that is under construction. She stated the man left the property with several unknown items and appeared to be in a hurry.

This case is being investigated.

Arrest – Elude Police 14-03895
Maple Avenue at Center Street, North
April 06 2:02 a.m.

PFC Lyons was on patrol when he discovered the driver of the vehicle in the lane next to him was driving on a revoked Virginia Drivers License. PFC Lyons activated his emergency equipment in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop however the driver accelerated, at a high rate of speed, in an attempt to elude him.

PFC Lyons followed the vehicle for a short distance before he requested the Fairfax County Police be informed the vehicle was about to enter their jurisdiction. While maintaining a safe following distance PFC Lyons observed the driver lose control at Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE. The vehicle ran up onto the median, spinning around 360 degrees, before becoming stuck in the grassy area on the opposite side of the roadway (See Crash Report 14-0895 below).

As PFC Lyons approached the vehicle the driver was making several unsuccessful attempts to free his vehicle by rocking it from forward to reverse.

PFC Lyons along with MPO Seitz were able to take the driver into custody and arrested Mr. Ebrahim S. Akbary, 23, of Tower Street in Fairfax, Virginia for Felony Speed to Elude.

Mr. Akbary was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Felony Speed to Elude, Driving While Revoked (Second or Subsequent), and Driving while Displaying License Plates belonging to Another Vehicle.

Mr. Akbary was held on a \$10,000.00 bond.

Lost Property 14-03921
The Lotus Restaurant
224 Maple Avenue, SW
April 06 between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A customer reported he had lost his wallet while at dinner.

Business Alarm 14-03915

American Cancer Society

124 Park Street, SE

April 06 5:21 p.m.

An alarm company reported that the alarm to the American Cancer Society had been activated.

MPO Sheeran responded and was met by a tenant of another office who stated he opened the American Cancer Society door by accident, activating the alarm.

MPO Sheeran searched the office and found nothing appeared to be out of place. An employee responded and secured the office.

Fraud 14-03939

Rose Kabob Restaurant

126 Block Maple Avenue, West

April 07 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported he had received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be an employee with the IRS. The caller informed the employee there was a warrant for his arrest issued due to problems with his taxes.

The caller instructed the employee to purchase a Green Dot Card and provide the caller with the information to redeem the card.

Officer Digan informed the employee the caller had been attempting to scam him.

This case is being investigated.

Please Note – *Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be employees of the IRS. The callers claim the resident has either committed tax fraud or had improperly filed previous tax returns. The caller informs the resident to send a Western Union payment or purchase a prepaid debit card, for payment, or the resident will be arrested.*

This type of call is a scam. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.

Petit Larceny 14-03941

100 Block Melody Lane, SE

April 07 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:40 p.m.

A resident reported that after a visitor had left her home she discovered several pills were missing from a prescription bottle.

The resident stated she did not wish to pursue charges.

Animal Case – Quarantine 14-04063

500 Block Colony Court, NW

April 07 11:00 p.m.

ACO Barker received a report from the Health Department informing him that a Town of Vienna resident had been playing with the family dog when she was bit.

ACO Barker informed the resident on the quarantine process. The owner agreed to quarantine the dog at home.

ACO Barker will follow up with the case.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 14-03959

Cottage Street, SW

April 08 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported she and her husband had been embroiled in a heated argument that escalated to a physical assault when he struck her.

Officer Digan responded and after speaking with both the husband and wife he determined that a physical assault had occurred. The husband was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Domestic Assault and Strangle another Causing Wounding or Injury.

The husband was released on his signature.

Destruction of Property 14-03975

300 Block Church Street, NE

April 08 between 11:05 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported his mailbox post had been broken.

Arrest - Petit Larceny 14-03971

Rexall Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

April 08 1:42 p.m.

An employee reported an individual had entered the store and left without paying for merchandise.

Officer Tremont responded and located the individual and determined he had attempted to steal merchandise from the store. Officer Tremont arrested Mr. Brent Bernstein, 72, No Fixed Address for Petit Larceny.

Mr. Bernstein was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Petit Larceny. While at the detention center Mr. Bernstein was also charged with Failure to Appear as the result of a charge from the Fairfax County Police.

Mr. Bernstein was held without bond.

Telephone Case 14-03980
200 Block Elm Street, SW
April 08 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be an employee with "Windows Media". When the resident informed the caller she was not interested he began to yell obscenities at her.

Officer Digan instructed the resident to refrain from answering any future calls from that number.

This case is being investigated.

Welfare Check 14-04000
200 Block Locust Street, SE
Between April 08 at 10:00 p.m. and April 09 at 12:45 a.m.

A resident reported he had broken up with his girlfriend and he was concerned for her welfare.

Sgt. Sylmar spoke with the girlfriend who informed him she was fine.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 14-03998
600 Block Courthouse Road, SW
April 08 11:21 p.m.

Sgt. Sylmar was on patrol and observed the driver of a vehicle commit several traffic violations. As a result of those violations he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver and the occupants of the vehicle he detected the odor of alcohol. After further interaction he determined that both occupants had consumed alcohol and were under the age of 21.

Sgt. Sylmar issued a summons to Mr. Timothy Lane Truill, 18, of Walking Trail Way in Hope Mills, North Carolina for Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Mr. Truill was released after signing the summons.

The second occupant, a juvenile, was also issued a summons for Underage Possession of Alcohol and released to her mother.

Fraud 14-04040**700 Block Maple Avenue, East****April 09 between 9:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.**

A resident reported that she had received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be a court appointed attorney, hired to represent her grandson. The caller stated her grandson had been arrested after being involved in a traffic accident.

The resident was instructed to send an undisclosed amount of money, via Western Union, to an address in Lebanon. After receiving the wire transfer the caller would see that the grandson would be released. After sending the money the resident received a second telephone call from an individual claiming to be the prosecutor in her grandson's case. The second caller informed the resident she would need to send another Western Union transfer for her grandson to be released.

The resident became skeptical and contacted her grandson who informed her he had not been arrested and was at work. MPO Sheeran informed the resident she had been the victim of a scam.

This case is being investigated.

Please Note – *Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be law enforcement officials. The caller claims that a relative, of the resident, has been arrested. The caller instructs the resident that in order to ensure the release of their relative they must send a payment via Western Union or a Green Dot Card.*

This type of call is a scam. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.

Medical Case 14-04046**Center Street at Moore Avenue, South****April 09 6:05 p.m.**

PFC Lyons responded to the area in reference to several calls reporting that a naked man, wearing a helmet was climbing on a vehicle.

Upon his arrival members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department were on the scene and providing medical treatment to the man who appeared to be suffering from a medical emergency.

PFC Lyons and MPO Sheeran assisted with transporting the man to an area hospital for treatment.

Vehicle Tampering 14-04078

300 Block Holmes Drive, NW

Between April 09 at 8:00 p.m. April 10 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone had entered his vehicle and unsuccessfully attempted to enter the glove box.

The resident believes the vehicle was locked.

Juvenile Case 14-04051

200 Block Lewis Street, NW

April 09 9:29 p.m.

A resident reported that her daughter had left the house without her permission.

This case is being investigated.

Case Update:

On April 10 Officer Reedy received a telephone call from the mother informing him that her daughter had returned home unharmed.

Officer Reedy responded to the residence and counseled the daughter on the dangers of spending the entire night away from home and her need to make better choices.

Destruction of Property 14-04079

The Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

April 10 1:27 p.m.

An employee reported a student had become angry and punched a hole in the wall.

This case is being investigated.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue at Center Street, North 14-03895

April 06 2:02 a.m.

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PFC Lyons followed the vehicle for a short distance before he requested the Fairfax County Police be informed the vehicle was about to enter their jurisdiction. While maintaining a safe following distance PFC Lyons observed the driver of the vehicle lose control at Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE. The vehicle ran up onto the median, spinning around 360 degrees, before becoming stuck in the grassy area on the opposite side of the roadway.

Mr. Akbary was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Felony Speed to Elude, Driving While Revoked (Second or Subsequent), and Driving while Displaying License Plates belonging to Another Vehicle.

Mr. Akbary was held on a \$10,000.00 bond.

Park Street near Maple Avenue, SE 14-03937

April 07 3:49 p.m.

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling south bound on Park Street SE.

The driver of the second vehicle was traveling north bound on Park Street and while attempting to turn into a parking lot, turned into the path of the first vehicle causing a collision.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

200 Block Church Street, NE 14-03938

April 07 4:17 p.m.

The driver of a vehicle was traveling on Church Street and attempted to make a U-Turn by driving through a resident's yard. The driver's vehicle became stuck due to the rain soaked grass.

The driver was issued a summons for Improper U-Turn.

Nutley Street near Courthouse Road, SW 14-04017

April 09 10:03 a.m.

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling north bound on Nutley Street, SW. The driver of the first vehicle stopped and was rear ended by the second vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Beulah Road at Church Street, NE 14-04047**April 09 7:15 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling west bound on Church Street approaching the intersection with Beulah Road, NE.

The driver of the second vehicle was traveling south bound on Beulah Road, NE. The driver stated she was talking to her son and did not realize the traffic signal had turned red and struck the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Disregarding a Traffic Signal.

Maple Avenue at Beulah Road, NE 14-04074**April 10 11:55 a.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling east bound on Maple Avenue approaching the intersection with Beulah Road, NE.

The driver of the second vehicle was attempting to make a right turn on red and struck the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

400 Block Maple Avenue, East 14-04082**April 10 2:44 p.m.**

The driver of a vehicle was backing into a parking lot and backed into a legally parked vehicle.

CASE UPDATES

None.

OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES

Please Note: *Remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

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MEDIA RELEASES



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department to Participate in 8th D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 26th, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 26th, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside Vienna Police Headquarters at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly in to the collection box. If an original container is used the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label.

Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage. **Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.**

Commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For further information please contact:
MPO Gary R. Lose - Town of Vienna Police Department
Public Information Officer
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Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.

See or Hear Something? Say Something!
We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.

Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at
glose@viennava.gov or 703-255-6396.